

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 17. This sheet, which includes Fig. 17, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 17.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

A substitute drawing of Figure 17 is provided with the legend "Background Art" in response to the request in paragraph 3 of the Office Action.

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 6-12 are present in this application, claims 3 and 5 being cancelled by way of the present amendment. Claims 2-9 were objected to as containing informalities. Claims 1-4 and 9-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over US 6,305,230 (Kasukabe et al.). Claims 5-8 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 2 is amended to address the noted objection. Claim 9 is directed to an inspection apparatus while claims 1, 2, 4 and 6-8 are directed to a probe device. Claim 9 is directed to an apparatus distinct from a probe device. Withdrawal of the objection to claim 9 is respectfully requested.

The Applicants greatly appreciate the indication of patentable subject matter in claims 5-8. Claim 1 is amended to include the elements of claims 3 and 5 and is, therefore, believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 10 is amended to recite details of the anisotropically conductive connector as well as details of the spacer recited in claim 5, and to recite providing spacers and arranging the spacers. It is respectfully submitted that Kasukabe et al. does not disclose or suggest such a method. Accordingly, claim 10 is also believed to be in condition for allowance.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance,  
and a favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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